

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

JANUARY 13, 2014

The Miami Township Board of Trustees met in work session on Monday, January 13, 2014 at the Miami Township Civic Center. Chairperson Ken Tracy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karl Schultz. Present were: Ken Tracy, Mary Wolff and Karl Schultz. Mr. Ferry called the roll.

Mr. Fronk, Township Administrator, explained the Trustees are now videoing their regular monthly work sessions so residents can have an opportunity to see what takes place at the work sessions. Mr. Fronk explained the change to videoing the work session has come about because of what they believe to be unfair reporting both in substance and tone to these meetings by the Community Press and particularly the Milford Advertiser. Mr. Fronk stated he has responded to one article and hopes it will be in the paper. Mr. Fronk encouraged residents that in addition to watching the work session meeting now, to read their Township newsletter, Township Facebook page and to watch for e-mails on the Township's Action Line and Keep In Touch on important items. Mr. Fronk noted the Township will be getting their own Twitter account to keep residents more up to date on real time issues such as road closures, safety emergencies, park closures and snow events.

Mr. Fronk updated the Board on Capital Projects noting the Wards Corner Road widening project is a collaboration with the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District. The first phase of the project was an access road, which was completed in 2013, and phase two is the widening of Wards Corner Road from Tri-Ridge Blvd. west to the new access road. Phase two will begin in Spring of 2014. The Branch Hill Guinea Pike widening project will widen Branch Hill Guinea to three lanes from St. Rt. 28 north to Glen Echo Drive and will include sidewalks on the east side of the road. Construction will begin in the Spring of 2014. A new project, in collaboration with the County TID, will be improvements to lower Wolfpen Pleasant Hill Road including realignment and reconstruction of the hill. Engineering will take most of 2014. Lastly, the County has invited local jurisdictions to participate in the County's street paving program and interested local governments should submit an estimated budget and street list by February 2014.

Mr. Fronk noted each department head gives a brief summary of the previous month's activities at the monthly business meeting. Mr. Fronk is proposing that one department head give a more in depth overview of their department operations at each work session. The presentation would last about 20 minutes and would give more detailed information of what each department does on a daily basis. Mr. Fronk suggested the Fire Department report in February, Police in March, Service in April, Recreation in May, Community Development in June and a Legal Overview in August. The Board agreed this would be valuable information for our residents.

Mr. Fronk discussed updating the Township's Strategic Plan completed in 2007. Mr. Fronk noted local government has changed since 2007 with decreasing revenue and increasing service demands requiring local governments to review their core services and make difficult decisions on which services they will continue to fund. Also, there are new trustees and staff since 2007 and updates and new ideas are needed. Mr. Fronk outlined what should be the Strategic Plan and recommended the Plan include input from our employees, residents and business owners. Mr. Fronk asked everyone to look at the current Purpose/Mission statement and Vision of the Plan and get back with him on what they believe is still relevant and what is not. Mr. Fronk would like to have comments back by the end of the month.

Mrs. Wolff made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code and to consider the sale or purchase of property pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

Mrs. Wolff made a motion to come out of Executive session, seconded by Mr. Schultz with all voting "AYE".

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Eric Ferry, Fiscal Officer

Ken Tracy, Chairperson

